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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Masahisa SONODA et al.) Group Art Unit: 2811
Serial No.: 10/642,666) Examiner: Loke, Steven Ho Yin
Filed: August 19, 2003) Confirmation No.: 3478
For: NONVOLATILE SEMICONDUCTOR)
MEMORY DEVICE HAVING GROOVES)
ISOLATING THE FLOATING)
ELECTRODES OF MEMORY CELLS)
AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURING)
THE NONVOLATILE)
SEMICONDUCTOR MEMORY DEVICE)

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In the Office Action dated September 3, 2004, the period for response to which extends through October 3, 2004, the Examiner required restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 between the following groups:

Group I, claims 1-13, characterized by the Examiner as drawn to a semiconductor device; and

Group II, claims 14-22, characterized by the Examiner as drawn to a method to make a semiconductor device.

Applicants provisionally elect to prosecute Group I, including claims 1-13, without traverse.

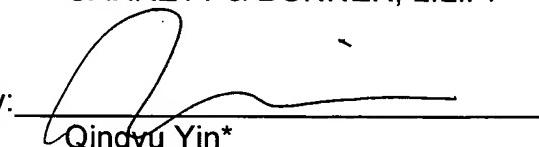
Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge
any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: September 29, 2004

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*With limited recognition under 37 C.F.R. § 10.9(b)